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Legislators announce infrastructure grants for two local communities

LANSING – Olivet and Vermontville have been awarded Community Development Block Grant funds for improvements to their water and sewage systems, announced Sen. Patty Birkholz and Rep. Rick Jones.

“This funding will help both Vermontville and Olivet with much needed improvements to their water systems that will benefit their entire communities,” said Birkholz. “Replacing wells, sewage pipes and water mains will ensure local residents continue to have safe, clean water for everyday use.”

In Olivet, the \$199,800 grant will be used to construct a masonry well house building to safely store chemicals, replace a water well pump and replace sewage pumps at two of the city’s sewage lift stations.

The \$289,000 grant for Vermontville will be used to replace a downtown water main and resurface the streets after the replacement project. The resurfacing will benefit the storm sewer system because the slope of the street has changed from multiple repavings over the years.

“It is always nice to see our smaller local communities receive state-aid for improvement projects like this,” said Jones. “It is important they remain up-to-code on infrastructure to keep residents safe. This will greatly help that endeavor.”

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